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FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

The Doors of the Sanctuaries Closed against its Dupes.

THE UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.

[ORIGINAL.]

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

CONFEDERACION DE LAS POTENCIAS MASONICAS ESCOCESAS. Poder Ejecutivo.	*Deus Meumque Jus.* *Ordo ab Chao.*	SUPREMO CONSEJO NEO-GRANADINO EN LOS ESTADOS DE COLOMBIA. Numero 157.

CAPITAL DEL GRAN OR'T.·., CARTAGENA,
á 20° *de Agosto de* 1886.

El Soberano Gran Comendador del Orden:

Salud, Estabilidád, Poder, Libertád, Igualidád, Fraternidád!

Al P.·. H.·. ALBERT PIKE, Gr.·. Comendador para la Jurisdiccion del Sur de los Estados Unidos de America, Washington.

P.·. H.·.: Con satisfaccion he recibido vuestra plancha fechada en esa Capital el 24 de Mayo del año en curso; así como los documentos que acompañais marcados con las letras *a, b, c, d, e, f.*

Los espurios Sup.·. Cons.·. establecidos en New York i Boston, no se han dirijido à este Gr.·. Ort.·. solicitando su reconocimiento, i si lo hicieren ellos, no serán reconocidos por nosotros, porque no

podriamos separarnos del dogma, autorizando con nuestro reconocimiento la violacion de los principios Masónicos que establecen la forma de como deben instalarse los Sup.·. Cons.·.; que, como sabeis, necesitan para ello, la expedicion de la Carta Consecutiva expedida por un Sup.·. Cons.·. constitucionalmente construido.

Estos desórdenes son desgraciadamente hoi generales en el mundo, y es preciso i indispensable poner enérgico remedio á semejantes males. Animado de estos saludables deseos está este Gr.·. Ort.·.; i sus esfuerzos tienden á este laudable fin.

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Sirveos aceptar, P.·. H.·. las profundas consideraciones, con que me suscribo vuestro adicto hermano.

JUAN M. GRAU. [SEAL.]

El Gran Canciller:
CARLOS A. MERLANO, 33°.

[*Translation.*]

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

CONFEDERATION OF THE SCOTTISH MASONIC POWERS.	[Eagle.]	NEO-GRANADIAN SUPREME COUNCIL IN THE UNITED STATES OF COLOMBIA.
	Deus Meumque Jus.	
	Ordo ab Chao.	
Executive Power.		Number 157.

CAPITAL OF THE GRAND ORIENT,
Cartagena, the 20th of August, 1886.

The Sovereign Grand Commander of the Order:
Health, Stability, Power, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity!

To the P.·. Bro.·. ALBERT PIKE, Gr.·. Commander for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, Washington.

P.·. Bro.·.: I have received with satisfaction your letter dated at that Capital the 24th of May of the current year, as also the documents which you send with it, marked with the letters *a*, *b*, *c*, *d*, *e*, *f*.

The spurious Supreme Councils established at New York and Boston have not addressed themselves to this Grand Orient, soliciting its recognition; and, if they should do so, they will not be recognized by us, because we could not separate ourselves from the true doctrine by authorizing by our recognition the violation of the Masonic principles which establish the manner in which Supreme Councils must be constituted; which, as you

know, need for that the issuance of a consecutive [constitutive] charter expedited by a Supreme Council constitutionally established.

These disorders are, unfortunately, at the present day, general in the world: and it is absolutely indispensable to apply an energetic remedy to such evils. This Grand Orient is animated by these conservative desires, and its efforts tend to this laudable end.

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Be pleased to accept, P.·. Bro.·., the profound consideration with which I subscribe myself your devoted Brother.

JUAN M. GRAU. [SEAL.]

The Grand Chancellor:
CARLOS A. MERLANO, 33°.

BRAZIL.

[ORIGINAL.]

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

SUPREMO CONSELHO DO GRAO 33 DO BRAZIL.

Ordo ab Chao.

Gr.·. Secrét.·. Génér.·. de l'Ordre au Grand Orient du Brésil, le 27 de Février de 1887 E.·. V.·.

Ao T.·. R.·. et Ill.·. F.·. Général ALBERT PIKE, 33°, Souv.·. Gr.·. Comm.·. du Sup.·. Cons.·. de Washington.

S.·. S.·. S.·.

Nous avons pris bonne note de votre Balustre Circulaire, adressé le 24 Mai, 1886, E.·. V.·., au T.·. P.·. Gr.·. Comm.·. du Sup.·. Cons.·. pour la Nouvelle Grenade, nous mettant en garde contre les menées de trois Corps impurs siégeant, deux à New-York, et le troisième à Boston.

Aucune tentative n'a été fait auprès de nous pour nous engager à nouer des relations avec eux. Mais nous pouvons vous assurer que le cas échéaut, nous repousserions avec indignation toute proposition que nous serait faite à ce sujet.

Notre vif désir est de marcher, en vrais Maçons, dans le droit chemin que nous avons toujours suivi, guidés par le phare de la Véritable Lumière.

Veuillez agréer, T.·. Ill.·. et P.·. F.·., l'expression de nos sentiments respectueux.

Le Gr.·. Secr.·. de l'Ord.·.,
JOSÉ DINIZ VILLASBOAS.

[TRANSLATION.]

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

SUPREMO CONSELHO DO GRAO 33 DO BRAZIL.

Ordo ab Chao.

Gr.·. Secret.·. General of the Order at the Grand Orient of Brazil, the 27th of February, 1887, V.·. E.·.

To the Th.·. Resp.·. and Ill.·. Bro.·. General ALBERT PIKE, 33°, Sov.·. Gr.·. Comm.·. of the Supreme Council of Washington.

S.·. S.·. S.·.

We have taken good note of your Circular Letter, addressed on the 24th of May, 1886, V.·. E.·., to the Th.·. P.·. Gr.·. Comm.·. of the Sup.·. Coun.·. for Nueva Granada, putting us on our guard against the plottings of three spurious Bodies, sitting, two at New York and the third at Boston.

No attempt has been made with us to induce us to contract relations with them. But we can assure you that if the case happened, we should repel with indignation any proposition made to us to such effect.

Our earnest desire is to walk, as true Masons, in the straight road that we have always followed, guided by the Beacon of the True Light.

Be pleased to accept, Th.·. Ill.·. and Puiss.·. Bro.·., the expression of our sentiments of respect.

The Gr.·. Secr.·. of the Order,

JOSÉ DINIZ VILLASBOAS.

ENGLAND.

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS. ORDO AB CHAO.

We hereby certify that the only two Councils recognized by us as legitimate in the United States of America, are those for the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions, presided over, respectively, by M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr'd.·. Com'r.·. M.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. Albert Pike, 33°, and by M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr'd.·. Com'r.·. M.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. Henry L. Palmer, 33°; and that the two so-called "Cerneau" Supreme Councils in New York, each claiming to be for the

United States, are held by this Supreme Council to be illegitimate and spurious, and their diplomas and patents worthless; that no one of the obedience of either of them can be admitted as a visitor into any Body of our obedience or recognized by this Supreme Council as a Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in any Degree whatever; nor any other person from the United States, who is not the holder of a Patent, Brief, or Diploma signed by one of the said two Grand Commanders, or, if of the Northern Jurisdiction, by the predecessor of Henry L. Palmer, Josiah H. Drummond.

NATH'L GEO. PHILLIPS, 33°,
Lieut.·. Gr'd.·. Commander.

HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°,
Gr.·. Sec.·. Gen.·.

CANADA.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33°, ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE OF FREE-MASONRY, DOMINION OF CANADA.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL,
HAMILTON, ONT., *6th December*, 1887.

ALBERT PIKE, ESQ., 33°, M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander Supreme Council of the 33°, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, for the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

VERY DEAR BROTHER: In reply to your courteous request in a circular letter of 30th November, we have pleasure in stating that the only Supreme Councils we recognize as the legitimate rulers of the Ancient and Accepted Rite for the United States of America, are the one for the Southern Jurisdiction, presided over by yourself as Sovereign Grand Commander, and the one for the Northern Jurisdiction, presided over, at present, by Illustrious Brother Henry L. Palmer, and formerly by Illustrious Brother Josiah H. Drummond; and all others are held to be spurious and clandestine: that the so-called Cerneau Supreme Councils hailing from New York we do not recognize, but, on the contrary, deem them spurious, and any Diploma or Patent issued by them as worthless, and that no one of the obedience of either will be admitted into any Body of our obedience, nor recognized by us as a Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in any Degree whatever.

[SEAL.] JOHN V. ELLIS, 33°,
Sovereign Grand Commander.

HUGH MURRAY, 33°,
Sec'y-Genl.

IRELAND.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33D DEGREE OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE FOR IRELAND,

21st December, 1887.

To the M.·. P.·. ALBERT PIKE, Sov.·. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A.

Mo.·. Ill.·. Sir and Very Dear Brother:

In reply to your circular of 30th ulto., I have it in command from our Sov.·. Grand Commander, the Hon. Judge Townshend, to say: That the only Councils recognized by us as legitimate in the United States of America are those for the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions, presided over by yourself and Henry L. Palmer, respectively, and that the two so-called "Cerneau" Supreme Councils in New York, each claiming to be for the United States, are held by this Supreme Council to be illegitimate and spurious, and their Diplomas and Patents worthless; and no one of the obedience of either of them can be admitted as a visitor into any Body of our obedience, or recognized by us as a Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in any Degree whatever; nor any other person from the United States, who is not a holder of a Patent, Brief, or Diploma, signed by one of the said two Grand Commanders, or, if of the Northern Jurisdiction, by the predecessor of Henry L. Palmer, Josiah H. Drummond.

I have the honor to be, Most Ill.·. Sir, my very dear Brother,

Yours in the bonds of the Order,

[SEAL.] E. W. MAUNSELL, 33°.

Address: Nyanza, Blackrock, Dublin.

GREECE.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33° OF THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE FOR GREECE.

In Deo Fiducia Nostra.

ORIENT OF ATHENS, *the 30th day of December*, 1887.

To the M.·. P.·. Sov.·. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, U. S. A., Washington.

VERY DEAR BROTHER: I have the honour to inform you that the only Councils recognized by this Supreme Council as legitimate in the United States of America are those for the Southern

and Northern Jurisdictions, presided over, respectively, by yourself and M.·. P.·. Bro.·. Henry L. Palmer, and that the two so-called "Cerneau" Supreme Councils in New York, each claiming to be for the United States, are held by the Supreme Hellenic Council to be *illegitimate* and *spurious*, and their Diplomas and Patents worthless; that no one of the obedience of either of them can be admitted as a visitor into any Body of our obedience, or recognized by me as a Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite *in any Degree whatever;* nor any other person from the United States who is not the holder of a Patent, Brief, or Diploma signed by one of the said two Grand Commanders, or, if of the Northern Jurisdiction, by the predecessor of Bro.·. Henry L. Palmer, M.·. I.·. Bro.·. Josiah H. Drummond.

Believe me to remain with sincere regard and affection, yours very faithfully and fraternally,

[SEAL.] RHODOCANAKIS, 33°,
Sov.·. Grand Commander for Greece.

EM. GALANI, 33°,
Secret.·. Gen.·. H.·. E.·.

ITALY.

[ORIGINAL.]

AD UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS SUMMI ARCHITECTI GLORIAM.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS. 33 — ORDO AB CHAO. 33

Dal Grande Oriente di Roma Valle del Tevere sotto la Volta Celeste al 41° 54′ di latitudine Nord e 10° 7′ di longitudine Est del suo Zenit.

Il Supremo Consiglio dei Sovr.·. Gr.·. Ispettori Generali, Gr.·. Eletti Caval'ri.·. Gr.·. Comm.·. del Grande Impero del 33mo ed ultimo Grado di Rito Scozzese Ant.·. ed Acc.·. della Massoneria in Italia sedente in Roma il giorno primo del mese decimo dell' anno di V.·. L.·. 000887 e dell' E.·. V.·. il di 1 Gennajo, 1888.

DICHIARAZIONE.

Il Supremo Consiglio d'Italia non riconosce come legittimi pegli Stati Uniti d'America che i due Supremi Consigli della Jurisdizione Nord, e della Jurisdizione Sud presieduti rispettivamente dal Pot.·. F.·. Henry L. Palmer e dal Pot.·. F.·. Albert Pike.

I cosidetti Supremi Consigli "Cerneau" di Nuova York, i quali pretendono aver giurisdizione negli Stati Uniti, sono considerati del Supremo Consiglio d' Italia come *illegali* e *spurii* e i loro diplomi e brevetti di nessum valore.

Nissuna persona all' obbedienza di uno di questi due Consigli "Cerneau" puo essere ammesso come visitatore in qualsiasi officina alla nostra obbedienza, ni riconosciuto da noi come f.·. Massone di Rito Scozzese antico ed accettato in qualunque siasi grado; non riconosciamo ni riceviamo come f.·. alcuna persona dagli Stati Uniti, che non possegga una patente, un brevetto o diploma firmato dal Pot.·. F.·. Albert Pike o dal Pot.·. F.·. Henry L. Palmer, o dal predecessore di quest' ultimo, il Pot.·. F.·. Josiah H. Drummond.

Il Del.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commendatore,

[SIGILLUM.] AD. LEMMI.

[TRANSLATION.]

AD UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS SUMMI ARCHITECTI GLORIAM.

DEUS MEUMQUE JUS. 33 — ORDO AB CHAO. 33

From the Grand Orient of Rome, Valley of the Tiber, under the Celestial Vault, at the 41° 54′ of North Latitude and 10° 7′ of East Longitude from its Zenith.

The Supreme Council of the Sov.·. Gr.·. Inspectors-General, Gr.·. Elect Knights, Gr.·. Comm.·. of the Grand Empire of the 33° and last Degree of the Anc.·. and Acc.·. Scottish Rite of Masonry in Italy, having its See at Rome, the first day of the tenth month of the year of the T.·. L.·. 000887, and of the V.·. E.·. the 1st of January, 1888.

DECLARATION.

The Supreme Council of Italy recognizes as legitimate for the United States of America only the two Supreme Councils of the Northern Jurisdiction and of the Southern Jurisdiction, respectively presided over by the Puiss.·. Bro.·. Henry L. Palmer and the Puiss.·. Bro.·. Albert Pike.

The so-called Supreme Councils "Cerneau" of New York, the which pretend to have jurisdiction in the United States, are considered by the Supreme Council of Italy as *illegal* and *spurious*, and their Diplomas and Briefs of no value.

No person of the obedience of one of those two Councils "Cerneau" can be admitted as a visitor in any Body whatever of our

obedience, nor recognized by us as a Brother Mason of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in any Degree whatever. We do not recognize or receive as a Bro.·. any person from the United States who does not hold a Pateut, Brief, or Diploma signed by the Puiss.·. Bro.·. Albert Pike or by the Puiss.·. Bro.·. Henry L. Palmer, or by the predecessor of the latter, the Puiss.·. Bro.·. Josiah H. Drummond.

The Del.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander,

[SEAL.] AD. LEMMI.

CUBA.

[ORIGINAL.]

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

SUPREMO CONSEJO DE COLON, PARA CUBA Y DEMÁS ISLAS DE LAS INDIAS OCCIDENTALES EEPAÑOLAS.

Adresse
MANUEL N. OCEJO,
Apartado 509,
Habana,
Isla de Cuba.

No. 1026. HABANA *y Enero* 12 *de* 1888.

Al Muy Poderoso Soberano Gran Comendador del Supremo Consejo del Gr.·. 33°, del Rito Escocés Antiguo Aceptado para la Jurisdicción Meridional de los Estados Unidos de América.

S. E. P.

Muy Querido Hermano:

Contestando á vuestra Circular de 30 de Noviembre de 1887, que llegó con atraso á mi poder, tengo el gusto de deciros que el Supremo Consejo de Colón para Cuba y demás islas Occidentales Españolas, sólo reconoce como regulares y legítimos dos Supremos Consejos para los Estados Unidos de América: Uno presidido por vos, Ytre Hermano Pike, para la Jurisdiccion del Sur, y otro, que preside el Ilustre Hermano Henry L. Palmer, para la Jurisdiccion del Norte.

Por lo tanto, nosotros consideramos como invasores, irregulares y espurios los Cuerpos que bajo el titulo de Supremo Consejo existen en New York, llamados de "Cerneau;" y no tenemos, ni tendremos jamás ninguna relación con ellos, ni con las Cámaras que les estén subordinadas, ni con los hermanos que de ellos tengan Patentes ó Diplomas; porque no los consideramos, ni podemos considerar como Masones del Rito Antiguo Aceptado

Escocés en niuguno de sus grados; asi como á ninguna persona de los Estados Unidos que no esté provista de Patente, Breve ó Diploma firmado por alguno de los dos citados Grandes Comendadores Pike ó Palmer; y si fuere de la Jurisdiccion Septentrional, por el predecesor de Palmer, Josiah H. Drummond.

Servios recibir el testimonio de mi más alta consideracion y fraternal afecto.

Que nuestro Padre que esta en el Cielo os tenga en su Santa Guarda!

EL MARQUES DE ALMEIRAS, 33°.

Ante mi: [SEAL.]

MAN'L N. OCEJO, 33°,

Gr.·. Canc.·. Sec.·. General.

[TRANSLATION.]

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF COLON, FOR CUBA AND THE OTHER SPANISH ISLANDS OF THE WEST INDIES.

No. 1026.

HABANA, *January* 12, 1888.

To the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the 33d Deg.·., of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

H.·. S.·. P.·.

VERY DEAR BROTHER: Replying to your Circular Letter of 30 November, 1887, which came with delay to my hands, I have the pleasure to say to you that the Supreme Council of Colon, for Cuba and the other Spanish Western Islands, only recognizes as regular and legitimate two Supreme Councils for the United States of America, one presided over by you, Illustrious Bro.·. Pike, for the Southern Jurisdiction, and the other, which the Illustrious Brother Henry L. Palmer presides over, for the Northern Jurisdiction.

For that reason we consider as invaders, irregular and spurious, the Bodies which, under the title of Supreme Council, exist in New York, styled "Cerneau," and we have not nor shall we ever have any relations with them, nor with the Chambers which may be subordinate to them, nor with the Brethren who may have from them Patents or Diplomas, because we do not consider them, nor can we consider them, as Masons of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in any of its Degrees, as also no person of the United

States who may not be furnished with a Patent, Brief, or Diploma signed by one of the two above mentioned Grand Commanders, Pike or Palmer; and if he should be of the Northern Jurisdiction, by the predecessor of Palmer, Josiah H. Drummond.

Be pleased to receive the assurance of my high consideration and fraternal affection.

May our Father Who is in Heaven have you always in His holy keeping!

THE MARQUES DE ALMEIRAS. [SEAL.]

In my presence:
MAN'L N. OCEJO, 33°,
Gr.·. Chanc.·. Secr.·. General.

FRANCE.

[ORIGINAL.]

A.·. L.·. G.·. D.·. G.·. A.·. D.·. L'U.·.

SUPRÊME CONSEIL DU 33° ET DERNIER DEGRÉ. [L'Aigle.] RITE ÉCOSS.·.ANC.·.ACC.·. POUR LA FRANCE ET SES DÉPENDANCES.

Secrétariat Général
Rue Rochechouart, 42.
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No. 426.
(Vo. 30.)

Liberté—Egalité—Fraternité.

GRANDE LOGE CENTRALE DE FRANCE.

OR.·. DE PARIS, *le* 26 | 1, 1888.

Au T.·. Ill.·. F.·. ALBERT PIKE,
Gr.·. C.·., Gr.·. M.·. pour la Juridiction Sud Amérique:

T.·. ILL.·. F.·.: Nous avons reçu le 17 Décembre dernier votre pl.·. circulaire du 30 9bre 1887.

En réponse, j'a la fav.·. de vous informer que conformément au contenu de votre pl.·. circulaire, le Sup.·. Cons.·. de France ne reconnait d'autres Sup.·. Cons.·. pour l'Amérique, que le Sup.·. Cons.·. pour la juridiction Sud, dont vous êtes le T.·. P.·. S.·. Gr.·. Com.·., Gr.·. M.·., et le Sup.·. Cons.·. pour la juridiction Nord, dont le T.·. Ill.·. F.·. Henri L. Palmer, après Sir Josiah H. Drummond, est actuellement le S.·. Gr.·. Com.·., Gr.·. Maître.

De même, le Sup.·. Cons.·. de France ne reconnait pour Maçons réguliers que les FF.·. de tous grades munis de Dipl.·.

Brefs, Patentes ou autres, que ceux appartenant aux deux obédiences ci-dessus, dont l'identité des pièces en leur possession est constatée par les signatures des ggr.·. dignit.·. de ces Sup.·. Cons.·.

Agréez T.·. Ill.·. F.·. mes bien fr.·. salutations.

Le Gr.·. Secrét.·. Génér.·. du Rite,

[SCEAU.] BAGARY, 33°.

[TRANSLATION.]

TO THE GLORY OF THE GRAND ARCHITECT OF THE UNIVERSE.

SUPREME COUNCIL OF THE 33D AND LAST DEGREE.

ANC.·. ACC.·. SCOTT.·. RITE FOR FRANCE AND ITS DEPENDENCIES.

Secrétariat Général Rue Rouchechouart 42.

No. 426. Vol. 30.

Deus Meumque Jus.

LIBERTY—EQUALITY—FRATERNITY.

CENTRAL GRAND LODGE OF FRANCE.

To the M.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. ALBERT PIKE, *Gr.·. Comm.·. Gr.·. M.·. for the Southern Jurisdiction, America.*

TH.·. ILL.·. BRO.·. We received on the 17th of December last your circular letter of 30th November, 1887.

In response I have the favor to inform you that in conformity to the contents of your circular letter, the Sup.·. Counc.·. of France does not recognize any other Sup.·. Councils for America than the Sup.·. Counc.·. for the Southern Jurisdiction, of which you are the Th.·. P.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Comm.·., Gr.·. M.·., and the Sup.·. Counc.·. for the Northern Jurisdiction, of which the Th.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. Henry L. Palmer, successor of Sir Josiah H. Drummond, is at present the Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander.

Likewise, the Sup.·. Counc.·. of France recognizes as regular Masons only the brethren of all Degrees furnished with Diplomas, Briefs, Patents, or other documents showing them to belong to the two obediences above mentioned, the identity of whose documents in their possession is established by the signatures of the Grand Dignitaries of those Supreme Councils.

Accept, Th.·. Ill.·. Bro.·. my very fra.·. salutations.

The Gr.·. Secret.·. Gener.·. of the Rite,

{ Seal of the Secretariat. } BAGARY, 33D.

BELGIUM.

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

Suprême Conseil du 33e et dernier dégré du Rite Ecoss.·. Anc.·. et Acc.·. [l'Aigle.]

Pour la Belgique et les autres Pays Soumis à son Obédience.

Adresse: Mr. Celpes, Marché aux Poulets 20 Bruxelles.

Vall.·. de Bruxelles, le 11 Février 1888. No. 5617.

ORDO AB CHAO.

UNION, TOLÉRANCE, PROGRÈS.

Le Gr.·. Chanc.·. Secrét.·. Gén.·. Adj.·. du Sup.·. Cons.·. de Belgique.

Au T.·. Ill.·. et T.·. C.·. F.·. Albert Pike, 33°, Ven.·. Souv.·. Gr.·. Comm.·. du Sup.·. Cons.·. pour la Juridiction Sud des Etats Unis d'Amerique à Washington.

T.·. ILL.·. ET T.·. C.·. F.·. : Répondant à la question que vous nous posez dans votre Bal.·. en date du 30 Novembre 1887 et après en avoir dûment délibéré, le Sup.·. Cons.·. de Belgique nous charge de vous déclarer que il considère comme absolument irréguliers et étrangers au Rite Ecossais Ancien et Accepté les deux corps établis à New York sous le nom usurpé de Suprêmes Conseils et que prétendent tenir leurs pouvoirs d'un Frère d'origine française du nom de Joseph Cerneau. Aux termes du Réglement pour notre Rite arrêté à Berlin le 1er May 1786 dans le Gr.·. Sup.·. Conseil du 33e degré institué par Fréderic II, Roi de Prusse, il ne pouvait y avoir dans l'Amérique Septentrionale que deux Sup.·. Cons.·., dont jamais aucun n'a été établi à New-York, et si la Confédération des Sup.·. Cons.·. réunie à Lausanne en Septembre 1875 a étendu ce nombre, elle n'a cependant reconnu comme Réguliers pour les Etats-Unis que deux Sup.·. Cons.·., l'un siègeant à Boston pour la Juridiction Nord, et l'autre à Charleston pour la Juridiction Sud de ces Etats.

En conséquence nous considérons comme absolument sans valeur les Diplômes et Patentes qui émanent d'autres prétendues Autorités Maconiques du Rite Ecossais Ancien et Accepté aux Etats-Unis, les porteurs de ces Diplômes ne peuvent être admis comme visiteurs dans aucun Corps de notre Obédience, pour nous ils sont étrangers au Rite et nous ne reconnaissons comme Maçons Réguliers de ce Rite que ceux qui se présentent munis de Di-

plômes ou Patentes portant la signature des Gr.·. Comm.·. Albert Pike, Henry L. Palmer, ou Josia H. Drummond.

Nous tenons d'autant plus sévèremeut la main à l'observation stricte de ces règles, que les Articles 16 et 18, § 4 et 5 du Traité de Lausanne nous en font un strict devoir, et que l'expérience nous a appris que en dehors de Sup.·. Cons.·. tenus pour réguliers, on confère malheureusement à prix d'argent, et sans les garanties que nous jugeons nécessaires, des grades qui ne sont que la caricature des grades si respectables de notre Rite.

Veuillez agréer, T.·. Ill.·. et T.·. C.·. F.·., nos salutations les plus frat.·. p.·. l.·. n.·. m.·. q.·. v.·. s.·. c.·. et a.·. t.·. l.·. h.·. q.·. v.·. s.·. d.·.

Par mandement et sous le Sceau du Suprême Conseil de Belgique.

Le Souv.·. Gr.·. Comm.·.

[SCEAU.] P. VAN HUMBEÉCK.

Le Gr.·. Chanc.·. Secrét.·. Gén.·. Adj.·.,

GUSTAVE JOTTRAND.

[TRANSLATION.]

UNIVERSI TERRARUM ORBIS ARCHITECTONIS AD GLORIAM INGENTIS.

Supreme Council of the 33d and Last Degree of the Anc.·. and Acc.·. Scottish Rite.

For Belgium and the other countries subject to its Obedience.

Address: Mons. Celpes, Marché aux Poulets, 20 Bruxelles.

Vall.·. of Bruxelles, the 11th of February, 1888. No. 5617.

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The Gr.·. Chanc.·. Secr.·. Gen.·. Adjunct of the Sup.·. Counc.·. of Belgium to the Ill.·. and Th.·. Ven.·. Bro.·. ALBERT PIKE, 33°, Ven.·. Sov.·. Gr.·. Comm.·. of the Sup.·. Counc.·. for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, at Washington.

Th.·. Ill.·. and Very Dear Bro.·.

Replying to the question which you propound to us in your letter of date the 30th of November, 1887, and after having duly deliberated, the Sup.·. Counc.·. of Belgium directs us to declare to

you, that it considers as absolutely irregular and alien to the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, the two Bodies established at New York under the usurped name of Supreme Councils, and which pretend to hold their powers from a Brother of French origin, by the name of Joseph Cerneau. By the terms of the Regulation of our Rite, decreed at Berlin on the 1st of May, 1786, in the Grand Supreme Council of the 33d Degree, instituted by Frederic II, King of Prussia, there could only be in North America two Supreme Councils, neither of which has ever been established at New York; and if the Confederation of the Supreme Councils assembled at Lausanne in September, 1875, did extend the number, it nevertheless did not recognize as regular for the United States any other than two Supreme Councils, the one sitting at Boston, for the Northern Jurisdiction, and the other at Charleston for the Southern Jurisdiction of those States.

Consequently we consider as absolutely without value the Diplomas aud Patents which emanate from other pretended Masonic authorities of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the United States; the bearers of these Diplomas cannot be admitted as visitors in any Body of our obedience; for us they are aliens to the Rite; and we recognize as regular Masons of the Rite those only who present themselves furnished with Diplomas or Patents bearing the signature of the Grand Commander Albert Pike, Henry L. Palmer, or Josiah H. Drummond.

We adhere so much the more severely to the strict observance of these rules, because Articles 16 and 18, § 4 and 5 of the Treaty of Lausanne make it a strict duty for us, and because experience has taught us, that, outside of the Supreme Councils which are held to be regular, there are unfortunately conferred, for a price in money and without the guarantees which we deem necessary, Degrees which are but the caricature of the so respectable Degrees of our Rite.

Be pleased to accept, Very Ill.·. and Very Dear Bro.·., our most fraternal salutations, by the mysterious numbers which are known to you, and with all the honours which are your due.

By order and under the seal of the Supreme Council of Belgium.

The Sov.·. Gr.·. Commander,

P. VAN HUMBEÉCK, 33°.

The Gr.·. Chanc.·. Secret.·. Gen.·. Adj.·.,

GUSTAVE JOTTRAND, 33°.

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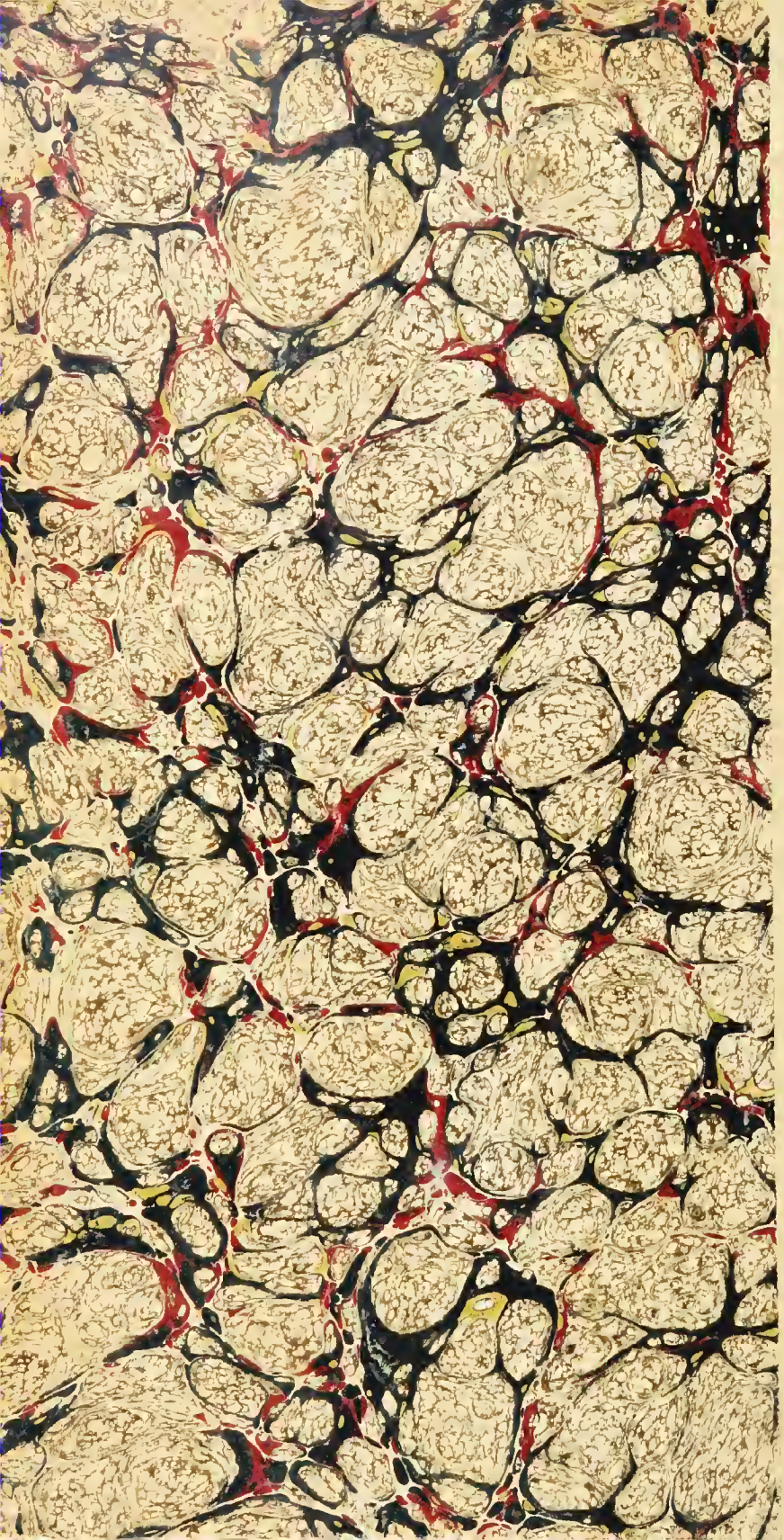
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